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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicants submit the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited on pages 6 and 7 of the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

Moreover, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's amending of claims 15, 16, 17 and 18 to replace "means" with "device" was necessary. Indeed, during the March 25, 2009 interview, the undersigned attorney expressly disagreed with the Examiner's insistence that the

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claims should be so amended. Nevertheless, the amendments were authorized to advance prosecution and secure allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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